

Mayor and City Council Update October 12, 2018



To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
CC: Department Heads

Library

SMYRNA READS

The library will host a lunchtime book discussion of *Darktown* by Thomas Mullen on Friday, October 12th at noon. The discussion is open to the public. Author Thomas Mullen will conclude this year's "Smyrna Reads" campaign with a presentation about his Darktown series on Sunday, October 14th at 3pm at the Reed House.

BOOK COLLECTING FOR BEGINNERS

The Friends of Smyrna Library are hosting a workshop on Saturday, October 13th at 10am, for those interested in learning more about book collecting. Librarians from KSU's Archives Department will lead the workshop and will bring titles from their collections for illustration. The workshop is free of charge, but seating is limited. Please **RSVP** to sreference@smyrnaga.gov.

Keep Smyrna Beautiful

SENSORY GARDEN GRAND RE-OPENING

The newly designed and planted Sensory Garden was officially opened on Saturday, October 6. Over 40 people attended the ceremony which included a ribbon cutting, tours, and refreshments. Local artist, Heidi Hunt, created a beautiful postcard as a take away for everyone. The Sensory Garden is located in the Smyrna Community Center and will be available the hours of operation for the Community Center. *Many thanks to Councilmember Maryline Blackburn & City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones for attending the festivities.*

JONQUIL BULBS AVAILABLE

Bags of 50 jonquil bulbs are available for \$15.00 a bag. They can be purchased at the Recycling Center, Neighbors Feed and Seed, the Outdoor Market and at the Fall Jonquil Festival. The bulbs are sold at KSB's cost and the goal is to have jonquils blooming all over the Jonquil City.

RECYCLING CENTER

The Recycling Center recycled over 75,000 pounds of material in September and served over 2040 customers.

We are gearing up for America Recycles Day in November. Activities planned are:

- Recycler Appreciation Day on November 17. Free reusable bags and I ♻️ t-shirts will be given out while supplies last.
- Guess the weight of the bale contest. From November 1 to November 17, customers can make their guess on the weight of a bale of plastic bottles. The correct answer will receive a \$50.00 Visa Gift Card.

Jerod Stewart attended the safety training class.

AWARDS APPLICATIONS

It is that time of year and we are busy applying for awards. The affiliate award for Keep America Beautiful has been submitted. We are working on several applications for the Keep Georgia Beautiful awards.

RESOLUTION

Janet developed a resolution for Sustainability that will go before Mayor and Council in November. The resolution highlights what Smyrna is already doing in terms of sustainability and outlines a commitment to keep exploring ways to increase our sustainability.

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

- September Totals
 - Number of Volunteers: 72
 - Number of Volunteer Hours: 179
 - Number of Events/Activities: 8
- Total FY 2019 Volunteers: 215 (148 unique volunteers)
- Total FY 2019 Volunteer Hours: 471 hours

Public Works

Building & Grounds

The Powers Group (air-conditioning contractor), has completed the duct cleaning at City Hall; HVAC replacement at the Jail is 90% complete.

Ben Hill Roofing Co. (contractor awarded the bid to replace the Community Center roof) are scheduling to set up safety scaffolding the week of October 15th and will begin tear off the week of October 22nd.

Windy Hill Road Blvd Project

Demolition of the structure at 653 Windy Hill begun on October 3rd.

Structures 925, 875 and 735 Windy Hill Road, a notice to precede asbestos survey have been sent.

Paving Projects

Contractor working to uncover and adjust to grade manholes and valves due to paving, project, appx. 55% complete.

Storm Drain

Lake Court Park Storm Drain Rehab contractor is set to begin work: removing unsuitable soils, diversion pipe install, assembling gabion baskets, removal of existing culvert pipes and clearing complete.

Sanitary Sewer

Public Works Crews have begun CCTV and Cleaning of Ward 2 sanitary sewer system, this is an ongoing project that will take several weeks to complete.

Sidewalk Project

Public Works Crews have begun the sidewalk project on Campbell Road, the sidewalk is to be replaced and widened from Atlanta Road to Nancy Circle. Storm drain pipe and reworking of the radius at the corner of Nancy Circle at Campbell Road have been completed; tree removal for the widening has begun.

Public Works

-Footing /slab concrete poured this week for the Public Works equipment shed.

-Public Works Crews working on asphalt, concrete work orders, and landscaping / hydro seeding this week.

Community Development

Type	#	Estimated Cost of Construction	Location
Building New/Residential	1	\$131,459	1- Belmont Commons
Building Remodel/Residential	6	\$95,285	2- Reroof 4- Interior
Building Remodel/Commercial	3	\$99,555	2 Remodel- 2190 Atlanta Rd (Public Works) & 2540 Cobb Pkwy (Verizon) 1 Demo- 4201 Cooper Lake Rd (Park)
Electrical	-	-	-
Plumbing	4	-	-
HVAC	7	-	-
Signs	-	-	-
Grading	1	\$10,000	1- 3269 Lee St

WEEKLY INSPECTIONS:

Type	Number	# of Sites
All	112	66

- FILM PERMIT:**

- Staff issued a film permit for Orange Cone Production (Netflix TV Series “Dolly Parton Theatre”) for filming at Smyrna Emory Hospital, 3949 S. Cobb Drive. (Valid 10/8 – 16/2018)

NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Location	Home/Commercial	Description
LIQUID ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	1760 CORD RD	C	TRANSPORTATION
JIKSSA INC	1651 ROSWELL ST STE F	C	CATERER

Police Department

Total number of arrests: 26

Total number of citations issued: 138

Total number of calls for service: 1,071

Training: 188 hours

Projects: Working on State Certification.

Accomplishments:

SPD has started our *SPD Reads* program with Belmont Hills Elementary School. We purchased: "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss for all of the second graders. We had an officer read the book to the students then gave each of them a copy of the book to keep. SPD will be doing this for all of the second grade elementary schools in the City.

Fire Department

Fire: 2
EMS Calls: 57
Other: 43
Total Calls: 102

RESPONSE

The Smyrna Fire Command Staff lead its second supervisor training class titled "Succeeding as A Supervisor". The class focuses on officer-specific topics such as transitioning into the supervisor role, leading teams, securing early wins, managing conflict, and much more. The program concluded with a panel discussion with guest speaker, Cobb County District Fire Chief Wayman Jordan.

**ADMINISTRATION**

For the third year in a row, the Smyrna Command Staff attended its leadership retreat. The conversations included topics such as strategic planning for the department and opportunities for leadership development.